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## **ABSTRACT**

This monograph examines the dynamic relationships between the strategic, operational, and tactical levels. Current Army doctrine in FM 100-5, *Operations* depicts the relationships of the levels with a vertical hierarchy, defining the operational level as the "vital link" between tactics and strategy. Army advocates of Alvin Toffler's Third Wave argue that this representation for the levels of war has changed to a non-linear pattern due to technologies released by Information Age forces. This monograph reviews the theories of Jomini and Clausewitz and surveys two battles, Rossbach and Austerlitz, to determine whether the non-linear relationships existed between the levels of war during the Agrarian Age. It further evaluates two tactical events in the Industrial Age, Koniggratz and the Doolittle Raid, and assesses the military command structure of that period to probe the existence of a direct relationship between strategy and tactics. The monograph concludes that the dynamic coupling of strategy and tactics was not born in the Information Age, and that the vertical hierarchy resulted from military command requirements.

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## **SECTION ONE**

### *Introduction*

As the Army prepares for warfare in the next century, advocates of Alvin Toffler's Third Wave theory argue that the vertical hierarchical organization of the levels of war have been changed by new technologies. Figure #1 depicts the vertical hierarchy, which reflects the concept that the operational level serves as the "vital link" between tactics and strategy. Toffler's advocates believe that the tactical level directly links to the strategic level as a result of the introduction and wide spread use of the microprocessor. Figure #2 represents this connection

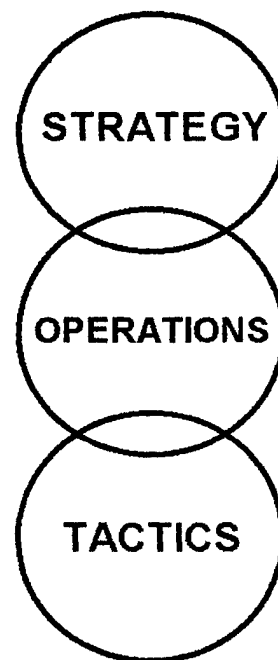


Figure 1  
**HIERARCHIAL  
PATTERN**

between the strategic and tactical level.

Primarily, these advocates suggest this phenomenon results from mass media and data processing systems that allow virtually instantaneous information flow.<sup>1</sup> Their advocacy essentially results from the themes introduced by Alvin Toffler in his books, *The Third Wave* and *War and Anti-War*.<sup>2</sup>



Figure 2  
**NON-LINEAR PATTERN**

Their discussions shape the Army's preparation for winning future battles, but they overlook an important aspect of this debate.

Has the Information Age really produced a unique phenomenon? Have the levels of war historically remained in a hierarchical pattern in application? This monograph proposes that the strategic, operational, and tactical levels have always been interconnected, and practical requirements such as military command placed them in a vertical hierarchy.

Toffler's advocates suggest that the traditionally accepted view of society and man's environment undergo significant change due to the forces released by Third Wave technology. These adherents believe Toffler's theory that civilization is divided into three waves - an agricultural, an industrial, and an informational. Each of these developments fundamentally changed the way people lived and interacted. For example, prior to his First Agricultural Wave, man lived in small, semi-migratory groups which foraged, hunted or fished for food. As the Agricultural Wave swept through these groups, man changed his way of life and began to settle in small villages surrounded by cultivated land. During the Second Wave, industrial forces transformed these small villages into larger cities to meet the pressures of manufacturing and the demands of mass production.<sup>3</sup> Toffler and his Army advocates believe society entered a Third Wave with the invention of the microchip. This invention allows the instantaneous transfer of information and data anywhere in the world. Third Wave social structure according to Toffler will be characterized by "knowledge seeking" with information as the basis for societal



interaction. These Third Wave proponents point out that the microchip caused the world to enter the unique experience of the Information Age.<sup>4</sup>

The development of transportation illustrates Toffler's themes. During the Agrarian or First Wave, man's principal mode of travel were his own feet or an animal's. The Industrial or Second Wave changed this reliance when man invented and produced machines - first steam, then gasoline powered - to replace animal power. Presently, these machines have been upgraded with microprocessors. For instance, the automobile, a chief innovation of the Industrial Age, owes its continued advancement to a computer chip nerve center that flawlessly, efficiently, and simultaneously executes numerous functions to insure its smooth operation. It is this introduction of the microprocessor that Toffler considers the catalyst for his Third Wave.

Toffler's "wave" forces that changed society in the Agrarian and industrial Ages would also change the relationships between strategy, operations and tactics as defined by the Army's FM 100-5, Operations. His advocates perceive a direct relationship between the strategic and tactical levels as a result of Information Age forces. They argue that Information Age forces have altered the hierarchical pattern of strategy, operations and tactics as defined in the 1993 edition of the Army's FM 100-5, Operations. This manual defines these echelons as starting with *Strategy* and running through *Operations* to *Tactics*.<sup>5</sup> The manual places *Strategy* at the highest level, which is defined as *the art and science of employing the armed forces and other elements of national power during peace, conflict, and war to*

*secure national security objectives.*<sup>6</sup> The manual further explains *Strategy* as efforts to obtain alliance or coalition objectives.<sup>7</sup> FM 100-5 then sets *Operations* beneath the *Strategic* level as the “vital link between strategic objectives and the tactical employment of forces.”<sup>8</sup> The manual delineates the *Operational* level with the following passage:

At the operational level of war, joint and combined operational forces within a theater of operations perform subordinate campaigns and major operations and plan, conduct, and sustain to accomplish the strategic objectives of the unified commander or higher military authority.<sup>9</sup>

At the lowest echelon lies the *Tactical* level. This level concerns the employment of forces to win engagements and battles and thereby achieve *Operational* objectives.<sup>10</sup> Clearly, FM 100-5 delineates the echelons of the levels of war in a hierarchial pattern as depicted in Figure #1. The manual explains any linkage between *Strategy* and *Tactics* as occurring through a “vital link” at the *Operational* level.

The Third Wave automobile, previously used to explain Toffler’s themes, furnishes a means to analyze the significance of understanding the relationships between the three levels of warfare. First, the tactical level of war is considered as the numerous, minute functions that allow the engine to start, the wheels to roll, the brakes to stop, or the steering to turn. These functions such as fuel injection or spark plugs firing represent engagements and battles. Next, the automobile’s systems represent the operational level of war. Similar to war’s operational level which connect engagements and battles into campaigns; the cooling system, fuel

system, electrical system, and exhaust system groups dozens of minute functions into a single, complex effect. Lastly, the strategic level is the automobile running on a road with all of its systems smoothly operating through their thousands of minute functions. With this analogy in mind, the Army officer is the automobile owner and driver. Similar to the driver knowing the multiple steps involved in effortlessly operating his automobile, the military officer must grasp the relationships between the levels in order to engineer successful combat operations.

## **SECTION TWO**

### *The Agrarian Age - Toffler's First Wave*

The levels of war were first defined for the late Agrarian Age, or Toffler's First Wave, by two veterans of the Napoleonic wars, Antoine-Henri Jomini (1779-1869) and Carl von Clausewitz (1780-1831). While the names for strategy, operations and tactics have been modified over time, the elements within the three levels have remained relatively constant with most of these theorists' fundamental concepts adopted into modern American military doctrine. The problem that arises is the misinterpretation of the theorists' ideas of the relationships and inter-connections between strategy, operations, and tactics. This misunderstanding occurred because of the complexity of the subject and style of the writers. Jomini and Clausewitz wrote about war on both a theoretical and realistic level. Over the years, interpretations of their writings have blended these two levels. While translations to English cause controversy with these difficult concepts, their style additionally leaves room for confusion. Jomini's writings are didactic and prescriptive in marked contrast to Clausewitz' metaphysical and philosophical technique. These styles cause many to believe they held opposite opinions when in fact they shared similar meanings only different approaches.<sup>11</sup> Basically, the foundations they laid in the early 19th century for the relationships between strategy, operations and tactics are open to misinterpretation based on the reader's theoretical and practical experience. In fact, the theories of Jomini and Clausewitz lend themselves to both

the hierarchial and non-linear patterns for describing the relationships between the levels are presented. Reviewing their definitions serves to illustrate the confusion that can arise from Jomini's and Clausewitz' theories.

To remain on firm doctrinal ground, a common description of the levels of war must be understood. FM 100-5 presents the levels of war as strategic, operational, and tactical. Jomini depicted the levels as strategy, grand tactics and tactics, while Clausewitz delineated the levels as war, strategy and tactics. The following matrix, while not in any sequence, simplifies this comparison:

<u>FM 100-5</u>	<u>Clausewitz</u>	<u>Jomini</u>
Strategy	War	Strategy
Operations	Strategy	Strategy/Grand Tactics
Tactics	Tactics	Tactics <sup>12</sup>

Both theorists defined strategic elements and links to the operational level that remain current in military doctrine. Although Jomini regarded *The Art of War* as a strategic guide, he concentrated more on our present day operational and tactical levels to the detriment of the strategic level. At this level, he described the relationship between the people, the economy, the military, the government, and the nation that prevail during war.<sup>13</sup> Jomini's strategic link to the operational level concerned the statesman, who sets the political objective which determined the *Military Policy*, or military objective.<sup>14</sup> His discussion of strategic decisive points, bases of operation, lines of operation, and lines of communications was more consistent with FM 100-5's definition of operational art rather than strategy.<sup>15</sup>

Clausewitz presented two basic tenets for the strategic level that remain applicable today. The first tenet concerned war's tendencies of violence, hatred and enmity, which Clausewitz believes flow from the people, the commander and his army, and the government, respectively. He stated that the people, military, and government must remain in balance or harmony in order to achieve war's goals.<sup>16</sup> The most quoted, and possibly the most famous tenet is: *war is merely the continuation of policy by other means*.<sup>17</sup> This tenet established Clausewitz' belief that politics sets the goal, and war (FM 100-5's strategy) is the means to attain this goal. In other words, the *political objective* determined the *military objective*.<sup>18</sup> This political objective represented his connection between the strategic and operational levels.

Both theorists attached great significance to what is now referred to as the operational level. Jomini's definitions of *Strategy* and *Grand Tactics* fell within the operational level. Jomini focused on decisive points, bases of operation, lines of operation, and lines of communications, which clearly reflect concepts relating to FM 100-5's operational level. His definitions emphasized four maxims that generally pertain to maneuvering an army to attack an enemy's decisive point or cut his line of operation, while negating the enemy's efforts to execute the same maneuver.<sup>19</sup> Jomini described *bringing the mass of the force in hand against a part of the opposing army , and upon that point the possession of which promises the most important result*.<sup>20</sup> Jomini's definition referred to what today would be

considered the operational art of concentrating forces in time and space against the enemy. Jomini went further and described twelve orders of battle that allow concentration against the enemy's decisive point in battle. Jomini's operational art was the method of applying these twelve formations in combat.<sup>21</sup> This application was Jomini's connection between the operational level and tactics.

For Clausewitz, the operational level was *the use of engagements for the purpose of war* to attain the political objective.<sup>22</sup> He explained that space, mass, and time (the theater of operations, the army, and the campaign) must be properly sequenced to achieve this aim.<sup>23</sup> A key point in Clausewitz' description of this level was the need to exert all efforts against the enemy's center of gravity, or the hub of his power and movement.<sup>24</sup> In Clausewitz' approach, the effective use of space, mass, and time against the enemy's center of gravity was an art form.<sup>25</sup> For Clausewitz, the military objective established the association between operations and tactics.

Both theorists tended to agree on the elements which compose the tactical level of war. Jomini was inclined towards the battle as the principle event at the tactical level, and delineates three types of battle: offensive, defensive and unexpected or meeting on the march. He additionally grouped courage, genius, and fortune as elements of tactics.<sup>26</sup> These elements presented by Jomini compare to Clausewitz' view that moral forces, talent, and friction define the character of war.<sup>27</sup> Similarly, Clausewitz stated that *fighting is the central military act . . . engagements mean*

*fighting*.<sup>28</sup> He also placed engagements and battles as elements within the tactical level.<sup>29</sup>

While these descriptions traced a vertical hierarchial pattern for the levels of war for both theorists' concept of war, on the theoretical plane Clausewitz and Jomini created a non-linear pattern to explain the relationships between the levels. Jomini presented evidence of a bond that joins strategy and tactics. This interrelationship occurred in Jomini's description of a national political leader taking the field to perform "great actions" that could be done by his subordinate generals.<sup>30</sup> Clausewitz also theorized a strategic and tactical relationship. Clausewitz opined that *the reason for the effectiveness of most attacks lies in the general, the political conditions of war*.<sup>31</sup> He additionally furnished specific practical evidence of this theoretical connection between the strategic and tactical levels. He offered examples of national leaders at the strategic level who knew *everything turned on tactical results*.<sup>32</sup> For both theorists, political considerations represented a vital coupling of strategy with tactics. Jomini and Clausewitz drew the evidence for this theoretical relationship from their interpretation of the experiences of Frederick the Great and Napoleon.

The battle of Rossbach on 1757 demonstrated the impact of a tactical battle on the strategic level during the Seven Years' War (1756-1763). This conflict pitted Prussia against Austria, France, Russia, Saxony, and Sweden. During the war, Frederick successfully led his country in all three levels of war simultaneously. His



strategic war aims were to retain possession of Silesia, continue his dominance in central European politics, and win economic and military assistance from Britain. To achieve these political objectives while surrounded by three invading armies, Frederick organized a large mobile striking force and smaller frontier detachments. His operational plan sought to slow the penetrations of the enemy armies with his frontier defenses to allow the strike force, his *fire brigade*, to defeat each uncoordinated thrust. Frederick knew that the tactical victories of the strike force would blunt his enemies' enthusiasm to continue their invasion, and ultimately achieve his political objectives. Therefore, Frederick personally took the field and commanded the strike force. His defeat of a French army at Rossbach on November 5, 1757, quieted hostilities on the western frontier, and allowed him to turn his attentions toward the eastern frontier. More importantly, this tactical victory reversed the British strategic decision to provide only economic assistance to the Prussians, and began the British commitment of troops on the continent against France.<sup>33</sup>

The battle of Austerlitz in 1805 further illustrated the existence of a dynamic relationship between the strategy and tactics. The tactical defeat of Austrian and Russian forces by Napoleon's *Grande Armee* had strategically decisive repercussions for the vanquished and victorious powers. Significantly, this battle follows Clausewitz' representation of Napoleon as a national strategic leader who knew everything depended on tactical results.<sup>34</sup> In particular, Austerlitz serves to

illuminate the coupling of strategy to tactics and the non-linear inter-relationships of the levels of war.

At the strategic level, three major European powers were seeking to defeat the French and satisfy their own political goals in central Europe. Great Britain declared war on France in 1803. By 1805, Russia joined England to maintain its influence in the Levant, to avenge the execution of a Bourbon prince, and to increase its influence in Europe. Austria joined with these two countries because of its unfavorable political position as a result of two unsuccessful wars with France, and to nullify the wedge the French were driving between its Italian and German spheres of influence. These nations formed the Third Coalition, and desired a return to the 1789 boundaries and political status quo.<sup>35</sup>

French strategic goals centered on further extending their influence into the German states and northern Italy, while isolating Britain from the continent. Napoleon translated these strategic political objectives into military objectives in his operational plan. Napoleon chose to fight in central Europe and northern Italy against Russia and Austria to strike a blow against his major enemy, Britain. While his 25 million French population seemed no match for the 66 million Europeans in the coalition, Napoleon's operational and tactical skill made the difference.<sup>36</sup>

At the operational level, the Third Coalition endeavored to achieve its strategic goals by removing French forces from North Italy, Hanover, North Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and Naples.<sup>37</sup> Therefore, the alliance's operational plan

featured three offensive campaigns and two defensive operations. First, Austrian Archduke Charles of Austria would lead the main effort into northern Italy with 95,000 men to capture Mantua, Peschiera, and Milan, while Archduke John of Austria with 23,000 soldiers secured the Tyrol. Second, Austrian Archduke Ferdinand, with General Mack as his chief of staff, would march 70,000 troops into Bavaria to cover the advance of the Russians. Eventually, Russian armies of 35,000 under Marshal Kutusov and 40,000 under Marshal Buxhowden would join Mack's army and advance toward Strasbourg. The third operation called for Marshal Bennigsen to advance south of Prussia toward Franconia with 25,000 men. Defensively, the Austrians would furnish a corps to the Swedes in Pomerania and a corps to the British in Naples to stretch Napoleon's limited resources.<sup>38</sup>

After Napoleon defeated Archduke Ferdinand and General Mack at Ulm and captured Vienna, the allies' operational plan changed significantly. First, the northern Italy offensive ground to a halt, then Archdukes Charles and John combined forces and began moving toward Vienna from northern Italy. Second, Marshal Kutusov and two Austrian corps began withdrawing east away from Napoleon's army. Third, Bennigsen's army of 25,000 remained on the northern flank in Bohemia. These changes to the allies' operational plan flanked Napoleon on the south and north, and caused him to overextend his line of communication as he moved east toward Kutusov.<sup>39</sup>

Napoleon's operational plan called for his army to maneuver against the Austrian and the Russian army under Kutusov in eastern Austria. He additionally encouraged Marshal Massena to pressure Archduke Charles in northern Italy, while dispatching Marshal Marmont's corps southward from Vienna to defend or warn of any Austrian moves along the southern flank. Moving his remaining corps along various routes and through successive engagements while deceiving Kutusov as to his intentions, Napoleon continued to pursue the Russian and Austrian army.<sup>40</sup>

Eventually, Napoleon realized the seriousness of his situation as the *Grande Armee* moved east. With Archduke Charles in the south, Bessigsen in the north, Kutusov to his front, and a long precarious line of communication, Napoleon began to evaluate his situation. Continuing east could lead to defeat as the allies' trap sprung from three sides. Defeat, or even retreat, would cost him the strategic objectives he set out to gain.<sup>41</sup> Apparently, Napoleon had run out of operational alternatives.

Napoleon came to realize that only by quickly bringing Kutusov's elusive army to defeat in a final tactical battle could he reverse the situation and achieve his strategic objectives.<sup>42</sup> Napoleon chose the tactical battleground of Austerlitz, which covered an area of approximately eight kilometers by ten kilometers and consisted of parallel ridges with the highest elevation in the enemy's center. Napoleon's 73,200 faced 85,700 Austrians and Russians under the command of the two monarchs, Tsar Alexander I of Russia and Emperor Francis I of Austria, who had

arrived on the battlefield. Napoleon's tactical plan was to deceive the enemy as to his real strength in the center, lure the opposing army to the south, then attack in their center and swing behind the enemy's north flank. The monarchs' plan, as outlined by Major-General Weyrother, called for a mass attack in the south to cut the road to Vienna and Napoleon's retreat, then to roll up the French army from south to north. Troop movements began the morning of December 2 at 4:00 AM under foggy conditions, while fighting started at 7:00 AM and lasted until a general cease-fire around 5:00 PM. However, the tactical decision was reached in Napoleon's favor by noon when a French corps under Soult, the Duke of Dalmatia, established itself in the allies' center at Pratzen.<sup>43</sup>

The political significance of this tactical victory reveals the dynamic interrelationships between strategy and tactics. The victory completely altered the strategic situation. Austria immediately sued for peace and Russia withdrew to the east, fulfilling the French strategic objective of humbling Britain's two allies and isolating that nation. What is more important, Prussia, which had previously decided to open hostilities against the French, reversed its decision, becoming isolated from any potential assistance against future French military actions. The Treaty of Pressburg ended Britain's diplomatic scheming and the hopes of the Third Coalition.<sup>44</sup>

From these historic examples, Jomini and Clausewitz perceived a powerful political affect of tactical victories on strategic decisions. These two theorists,

writing at the end of the Agrarian Age, understood that a dynamic existed that coupled strategy to tactics in theory and reality. Undoubtedly, Jomini and Clausewitz grasped the non-linear relationships between the levels of war, which shows that the concept is not unique to the Information Age. Additionally, they pointed out a dynamic interrelationship between the functions of a national leader at the strategic, operational and tactical levels. Toffler advocates could misperceive this phenomenon based on the theorists' writing style and the difficult concepts they introduced concerning war. However, their argument that the non-linear relationship is made possible only by the technology present in the Information Age is not true. For the Agrarian Age, the non-linear pattern surfaced in the theories of Jomini and Clausewitz, and occurred during war, particularly at Rossbach and Austerlitz. Does Toffler's Second Wave, the Industrial Age, possess examples of the strategic, operational, and tactical levels behaving similarly in a non-linear fashion?

### **SECTION THREE**

#### *The Industrial Age - Toffler's Second Wave*

Toffler's advocates assert that Industrial Age, or Second Wave, warfare existed under a vertical hierarchy for the levels of war. Primarily this relationship between strategy, operations and tactics resulted from requirements for a command structure to control the large armies developed during this period. While this vertical hierarchy ran counter to Jomini's and Clausewitz' theoretical non-linear relationships between the levels of war, warfare still reflected these theorists' concept of a dynamic coupling of strategy and tactics. However, the vertical hierarchy influenced military command systems and received acceptance throughout the Industrial Age. While that hierarchy existed for command purposes, the non-linear phenomenon continued throughout this period.

The Prussian tactical defeat of the Austrians at Koniggratz (Sadowa) on July 3, 1866, demonstrates the existence of the non-linear pattern for the levels of war during the early Industrial Age. The Industrial Age, or Toffler's Second Wave, had just begun when this battle was fought.<sup>45</sup> Koniggratz saw the use of several technologies developed during the early Industrial Age. Principal among these inventions were the steam locomotive, telegraph, rifled breech-loading artillery, and breech-loading infantry rifles. However, it is important to note, that both sides continued to rely on Agrarian Age animal power as their primary method of transportation. The horses' hooves and the soldiers' feet set the pace of the Prussian and Austrian armies.<sup>46</sup> Nevertheless, the dynamic relationships between

strategy, operations and tactics gave this tactical battle achieve far-reaching strategic significance. This example is additionally interesting because it demonstrates the presence of the non-linear pattern coupling strategy and tactics when the military command structure is based on a vertical hierarchy.

To comprehend the significance of Koniggratz, one must understand the central European balance of power as established under the terms of the Congress of Vienna. After Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo, Britain, France, Austria, Prussia and Russia worked out a system to strengthen the weak Germanic countries of central Europe. For centuries, France had invaded this area for territorial gains. The Vienna settlement eliminated this temptation by organizing the German Confederation, a grouping of nearly 300 minor German states, and arranging for their common defense against aggression. The Confederation's power would be sufficient to thwart a French invasion, yet pose no threat to neighboring countries. This political situation was acceptable as long as Prussia and Austria maintained their relative strengths and influence as established in 1818. Such a balance placed Prussia in a its junior partner status with Austria.<sup>47</sup>

Prussia in the mid 19th century was attempting to break the shackles of the Congress of Vienna and unify the Confederation under its growing influence, while reversing the power balance with Austria. Otto von Bismarck, the Prussian Chancellor, engineered this policy. His strategic goals sprang from his view of Prussia's destiny. Bismarck was convinced Prussia's destiny was to dominate in central Europe and become a great power. He therefore worked to eclipse Austrian



influence and unite Germany under Prussian leadership. The first step occurred in 1864, when Prussia and Austria united against Denmark. As a result of that war, Prussia gained the province of Schleswig-Holstein. Disputes with Austria emerged over the ceded territory, and Bismarck was able to seize on these to spark the war he wanted with the Austrians, and clear the way for German unification.<sup>48</sup>

While Bismarck caused Austria to make the first move and mobilize, the window of opportunity for a quick Prussian victory began to shrink. Austria promptly entered negotiations with the lesser German states to enter the war on her side. Bismarck partially forestalled this intervention through diplomacy, but several states, including Bavaria, Hesse, and Baden, were leaning toward Austria. These states could add 150,000 soldiers to expand the conflict and cause a protracted war on two fronts. To increase Prussian worries, Napoleon III of France could enter the war as an Austrian ally to expand his influence within central Europe.<sup>49</sup>

The Austrian monarchy's strategic aims centered on maintaining its influence and prestige within the German Confederation. These political objectives were exactly opposite Bismarck's goals. Austria recognized the growing prestige of Prussia in central Europe. Weakened during the Revolution of 1848, the Viennese court became increasingly fatalistic during the spring of 1866, leading Emperor Francis Joseph remark, "*How can one avoid war when the other side wants it?*"<sup>50</sup>

This anxiety caused Austria to mobilize on April 21, 1866. Additionally, Austria began seeking military support from its southern German neighbors, who were waiting to join once the fortunes of battle became clear.<sup>51</sup>

The Austrian operational plan derived from the political objective of maintaining the international status quo. The Austrians considered two options in their planning -- both offensive. They could drive from Moravia into the Prussian province of Silesia or thrust toward Berlin from Bohemia. Neither plan came to fruition. The inadequacy of the Austrian mobilization plan and the availability of only a single railroad line leading into northern Austria served to negate both options. *Feldzeugmeister* Ludwig August von Benedek's army slowly organized at the key rail center of Olmutz in Moravia, allowing seven weeks to pass following the mobilization order before moving north. This delay cost the Austrians the initiative. Because of these difficulties, Benedek's operational plan devolved into defending his support base and the lines of communication to Vienna.<sup>52</sup>

General Helmuth Karl Bernhard von Moltke, the Chief of the General Staff, was the Prussian operational commander. Moltke was well aware of the direction of Bismarck's strategy, clearly grasped the regime's political objectives; as early as 1860, he began planning for a war against Austria.<sup>53</sup> He recognized Austria's two operational choices and, according to his preference for flexibility, chose to disperse the Prussian army along the southern borders of Bohemia and Moravia. This dispersion served Prussia in two ways. First, it negated Austria's mobilization advantage. While the Prussian army lost the early initiative by not conducting full mobilization until May 12, their ability to use five railroad lines changed that precarious situation. The Prussian army prepared more quickly for war than the Austrian army under Benedek. Second, the military would be in a position to

defend Prussia, attack Austria, or a combination of these two options should some of the German states or France enter the conflict. While many in the Prussian army criticized this dispersion of the deploying armies and wanted them concentrated in a single mass, they failed to understand Moltke's concept for the subsequent movement of the armies. Moltke meant to concentrate these forces as they moved toward Benedek's army in Moravia. Consequently, the Prussians advanced along three separate army lines of operation that converged at Gritschin near the Austrian center of gravity -- Benedek's army. The defeat of this Austrian army under Benedek was the military objective.<sup>54</sup> After several smaller engagements along each axis of advance, the final tactical showdown commenced near Koniggratz, major crossing site on the Elbe River.<sup>55</sup>

Moltke's inability to foresee the battle of Koniggratz sharply contrasts with Napoleon's foresight at Austerlitz. Where Napoleon realized he had to bring Kutusov's army to battle and chose the battlefield, Moltke lost contact with Benedek's army for forty-eight hours before the battle. As Martin Van Crevald asserts, Moltke *had no part in planning it [the battle], and it may indeed have been fought against his will.*<sup>56</sup> Additionally, Moltke's own evaluation of the engagement revealed that the Prussian Chief of Staff was unable to influence the tactical action.<sup>57</sup> Moltke primarily got the armies into the vicinity of Benedek, then the tactical commanders executed fire and movement to destroy the Austrian army. The battle of Koniggratz was purely a tactical engagement without any operational command or control.

The battle of Koniggratz occurred on July 3, 1866. The battlefield measured approximately twenty kilometers by twenty-five kilometers, nearly three times the size of Austerlitz. 255,000 Prussians faced 210,000 Austrians across the Bistritz River, as small fordable stream flowing diagonally across the battlefield from northeast to southwest. From this river, the terrain rose gently eastward with several hill masses that commanded the Prussian approach from the west and north.<sup>58</sup> Benedek's army arrived on July 1, and immediately began to strengthen the ground for defense by entrenching, emplacing obstacles, and sighting artillery. The Austrian commander's plan was to wear down the attacking Prussians with a deliberate defense, then launch his reserves in a counterattack against the Prussian center.<sup>59</sup> The commander of 1st Prussian Army, Prince Frederick Charles, designed the Prussian tactical plan. His concept called for a frontal attack by the 1st Prussian Army from the northwest and a supporting flank attack in the south by the Army of the Elbe. Additionally, Frederick Charles had sent a messenger to the 2nd Prussian Army commander, Prince Frederick William, requesting his support during the battle. The Prussian King approved Prince Frederick Charles' plan, then Moltke approved it without any modifications. Because of this *fait accompli*, the operational commander had little if no impact on the tactical plan.<sup>60</sup> Prussian movements began the evening prior to the battle and continued into the early morning. Fighting commencing at 8:30 AM, and lasted until the final artillery volley covering the Austrian army retreat at 9:00 PM. However, the tactical decision was reached in the Prussian's favor around 3:00 PM, when elements of

the 2nd Prussian Army seized the hill mass at Chlum establishing a wedge in the center of the Austrian defenses.<sup>61</sup> This action began to crumble the Austrian defense, which led to their retreat toward Vienna.

This tactical victory gained for Prussia its long sought strategic position as the preeminent power in central Europe, revealing the dynamic interrelationships between strategy and tactics. Similar to Austerlitz, the victory completely altered the strategic situation. One aspect of this shift was the immediate swelling of Prussian military prestige, and the dramatic shift in the strategic political balance of power. The quick victory kept Napoleon III and the lesser German states from introducing their armies into the conflict and protracting the war. While not immediately altering the map of central Europe, the tactical victory served as the catalyst for scrapping the balance of power established by the Congress of Vienna.<sup>62</sup> Under the Treaty of Prague signed August 23, 1866, Prussia annexed several north German states and replaced the German Confederation of 1815, dominated by Austria, with a Prussian-controlled Confederation which excluded Austria.<sup>63</sup>

Significantly, Koniggratz demonstrated the dynamic non-linear relationships between the levels of war. The strategic level set the political objective to increase Prussian strategic influence at Austria's expense. Moltke, the operational level leader, translated Bismarck's political objective into a campaign with the military objective of destroying Benedek's Austrian army. This military objective connected the operational plan to the tactical commander's plan for attacking the

Austrian Army. The tactical defeat of Benedek's army at Koniggratz achieved the political objective of expanding Prussian strategic influence. The non-linear pattern correctly depicted the interactions between the levels of war that occurred at Koniggratz.

Following the victory in 1866, Prussia went on to defeat another great European power, France, propelling the Prussian system of military doctrine to world prominence. The defeats of Austria and France surprised many military observers, and established Prussia as the preeminent land power in the world. The architect of the Prussian army's victories was Moltke, the Chief of the General Staff. Relatively obscure prior to 1866 outside his country, his thoughts became pivotal to European and American military doctrines through the end of the 19th century and into World War I.<sup>64</sup> As the German army expanded and grew to enormous proportions, the command system to handle such unwieldy formations required modification. It was Moltke, a disciple of Clausewitz, who instituted the vertical hierarchy for the levels of war as a result of his experience leading the cumbersome Prussian army. He insulated the tactical level from the strategic level, and initiated the pattern that placed the operational level between strategy and tactics -- the vertical hierarchy.

In Moltke's view, the Chief of the Prussian General Staff was the link between the politicians and the tacticians. Moltke made this distinction based on three considerations. First, he believed the Chief of the General Staff was the preeminent advisor on political and military issues to the politicians during war. In

his view, the Chief of the General Staff determined the military plan to be followed.

The politicians should have little if any responsibility for influencing military operations. By keeping within this role, Moltke shielded the tactical commander from strategic political concerns. This insulation cut the strategic level's link to the tactician.<sup>65</sup>

Moltke additionally held a unique view of orders based on Clausewitz' theory of friction. He found that friction, occurring once the Prussian armies became engaged, significantly changed any complex military plan. He believed that a series of *expedients*, or new orders, needed to be given once the army completed mobilization and crossed the national border. Therefore, in his role as Chief of the General Staff, he gave general guidance to his tactical commanders and allowed them flexibility to implement his outline for the campaign. Although on occasion Moltke deviated from this pattern, he mainly kept to this principle. Moltke pursued this command style because he believed the tactical commander's training would ensure he made the correct tactical decision within the overall scheme of maneuver.<sup>66</sup> By not issuing specific orders to tactical commanders during the battle, Moltke protected the tactical level from strategic interference.

Lastly and most importantly, Moltke removed political objectives from the tactical commander's responsibility. Moltke's isolation of political objectives from military objectives negated Clausewitz' theoretical connection between strategy and tactics. He believed that the tactical commanders must keep their mind on their military objectives, and not be swayed by political considerations. He stated that

for the tactical commander *what policy can do with his victories or defeats is not his business.*<sup>67</sup> Moltke believed it was his duty as Chief of the General Staff to remain concerned about political objectives, not his tactical commanders.<sup>68</sup> This view of political objectives again insulated the tactical level from the strategic level.

Moltke's command system established the Chief of the General Staff as the connecting link between the strategists (The King and Bismarck) and the tacticians (army commanders and lower). Figure #3 depicts the Moltke model. Moltke's role as the Prussian Chief of Staff places him in the operational level with an association to the strategic level based on political objectives. His elaboration of military objectives through orders served as the conduit for communications between the strategic level and tactical level.

Moltke changed the theorists' connection of strategy to tactics based on his military leadership experience. Rightly or wrongly, such a command system influenced European and American military institutions during the First World War.

The principle antagonists fighting in the western theater had all adopted systems similar to the Moltke model by 1918. Predictably, Germany continued the Moltke system, but military leaders became increasingly isolated from strategic political concerns. In their case, the politicians and military combined to oust the

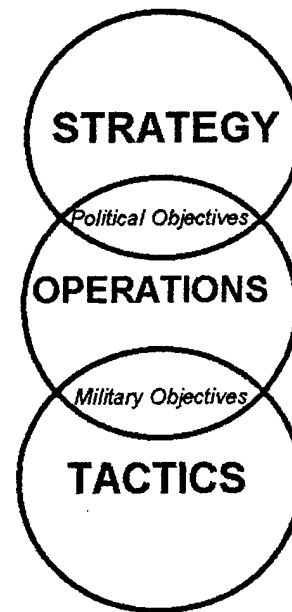


Figure 3  
**The Moltke Model**



chancellor, Bethmann-Hollweg, because of his attempts to inject politics into the military effort. This concept ran contrary to contemporary German viewpoints, and served to bring in the Hindenburg-Ludendorff team and military control of the government. A grand strategy conference held on November 11, 1917 best exemplifies the separation of military objectives from the strategic level. With Ludendorff as chairman, the assembly busied itself with finding a military solution to winning the war, and their discussions were completely divorced from any political objectives.<sup>69</sup> Such a strategy proved disastrous and serves as a practical example of the problems associated with misinterpreting the theoretical connections flowing from politics in Jomini's and Clausewitz' theories. The Moltke command system arose from practical experience and maintained the theoretical relationship of politics at the strategic and operational levels. Contrary to this system, Germany in late 1917 and throughout 1918 displaced this political connection with ruinous results.

On the other hand, political considerations acted as a connection between the strategic and operational levels for the Allies. Surprisingly, the British came closest to emulating the German war experience with the Moltke command system. Unlike Bethmann-Hollweg, who attempted to insure the war remained an instrument of policy, British politicians tried to keep out of the way of the military. Either because of a lack of military expertise or a fear of public rebuke, Prime Ministers H.H. Asquith and David Lloyd George busied themselves with war aims (political objectives) and supplying the fighting, while Sir Douglas Haig shaped

military planning and execution. The conventional wisdom of that period as expressed in London newspapers and the House of Commons called for politicians not to interfere with the soldier doing his military duty. Because of a lack of expertise and the weight of public opinion, the British during World War I placed the three levels of war into a hierarchical relationship. Like the Moltke model, politicians set strategic political objectives and supplied the army, while the operational military leaders such as Haig launched campaigns and issued orders to tactical units.<sup>70</sup>

France took an opposite approach. The French politicians began the war using the Moltke model, but as the fighting dragged on, the political leaders reclaimed their right to set political objectives. As in England, early French politicians lacked military expertise and fought public criticism when attempting to shape military decisions. By 1917, after the ill-fated Nivelle offensives which caused several mutinies in the army, public opinion turned against the military and allowed the French premier, Georges Clemenceau, to begin influencing the direction of the war effort. Clemenceau meshed military and political objectives, appointed new troop commanders, and advocated and established a unified commander, Marshal Ferdinand Foch, during the dark days of the Ludendorff offensives in the spring of 1918. Under the French system, the strategic leader, Clemenceau, would also involve himself with the operational level, but he remained aloof from the tactical fight. In France at this time, there was no interaction between the strategic level and the tactical level. The French command system continued the political

connection between strategy and operations.<sup>71</sup>

The American experience in the Great War mirrored their allies. The American democratic tradition called for the politicians to raise and equip forces, then stand back as the military leadership ran the war according to the political objectives. True to this tradition, Congress and President Woodrow Wilson set the war aims, then undertook to transform the country's industry and create the necessary army to fight in this European war. With the American General Staff recently established in 1903, the direction of military operations should have remained in a Moltke model with the Army Chief of Staff as the operational level commander. But the Americans deviated from this Prussian system, and by-passed the Army Chief of Staff in the operational decision-making process. The Americans instead sent GEN John Pershing to Europe with nearly complete authority to use the American Expeditionary Force as necessity dictated with only technical subordination to the Army Chief of Staff. Pershing assumed a Moltke-like command style, and his early efforts concerned stopping the Allies from dissipating American troop strength. Mainly, Pershing dealt with his corps commanders, rarely involving himself in tactical minutia.<sup>72</sup> The reins of the strategic level and the tactical level are placed in the hands of the operational commander with political objectives or war aims to guide his decisions. In the American situation, the operational commander was Pershing. Political considerations remained an element of the American military command structure, which was influenced by the Moltke model's vertical hierarchy for military command.

The late 19th century and World War I saw the development of the vertical hierarchy as a means of military command. While this vertical hierarchy ran counter to Jomini's and Clausewitz' theoretical relationship between strategy and tactics, political considerations remained an element of the operational level. Only when political considerations were completely excluded did problems develop, as witnessed by Germany in 1918.

This Moltkean model, or vertical hierarchy for command, remained the basis for controlling military forces through the inter-war years and into World War II. The American experience is a case in point. The National Defense Act of 1920, for example, ensured vertical hierarchy for command in the American military. This act called for the president and his advisers to set the political objectives for war, while a Joint Board, the Army Chief of Staff and the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary for War, and the Secretary of the Navy determined the military objectives that supported the policy. Operational commanders, emulating Pershing's role in World War I, were the theater commanders. Under them were the tactical commanders. This command structure, a vertical hierarchy, planned and executed a tactical event that had strategic impact in the early days of World War II in the Pacific theater.<sup>73</sup>

In January 1942, a month after Pearl Harbor, a proposal emerged for an air attack on Tokyo, a tactical event that had a strategic impact.<sup>74</sup> This mission, known as the Doolittle Raid, demonstrates the dynamic relationship between the levels of war during the heart of the Industrial Age. At this time, Toffler's Second Wave was in

full swing. Industrial Age engines (gasoline, diesel, and oil burning) powered the ships and aircraft that allowed the mission to be conducted. Additionally, the bombs were aimed at the manufacturing centers of the Industrial Age -- factories and assembly plants. Nonetheless, the dynamic relationships between strategy, operations and tactics is evident in this tactical event. Here again, as at Rossbach, Austerlitz and Koniggratz, a tactical engagement achieved significant strategic consequences, demonstrating the dynamic connections within the non-linear pattern for the levels of war.

The Japanese political objectives in the war arose from their determination to create a *Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere* over an area roughly stretching from Siberia through Australasia. With these strategic objectives, Japan laid out military objectives and prepared operational plans to achieve its war aims.<sup>75</sup> In less than five months from 1941 to 1942, the Japanese military had secured the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines and Southwest Asia to insure the continued flow of oil and other essential resources for its industry. The Japanese military then planned to defend in the central Pacific, Southeast Asia, and China. The Japanese based their operational plan on the concept of a defensive war of exhaustion. Their past experience in wars against Russia and China had convinced them that the enemy's attempts to invade Japan would prove too costly, and the attacker would eventually negotiate a settlement.<sup>76</sup>

A common concern throughout the Japanese strategic and operational discussions was insuring the security of the home islands. Strategically, the

Japanese armed forces could not allow harm against the population or, most importantly, Emperor Hirohito, the symbol of the nation. This political objective became a military obligation for the navy, which received responsibility for homeland defense.<sup>77</sup>

While American strategic policy called for a Europe First approach, political considerations and military reality required some form of response to Japanese aggression. After several months of seemingly endless Japanese victories, the Pacific situation demanded an American military success to rally its citizens. Such a morale boost became the primary strategic objective. Developed through the vertical hierarchy of the American military command system, the Doolittle Raid was conceived at the strategic level, evolved into a joint operation, and executed at the tactical level.<sup>78</sup> The military objective, developing from the strategic propaganda requirement, was to attack the Japanese mainland from the air to demonstrate to the American public the military's ability to conduct successful offensive operations. Because the Navy and Army Air Corps lacked aircraft with the required range for such a mission, the planners recommended a joint solution. The operational plan called for Navy aircraft carriers to transport Army Air Corps bombers near Japan and launch them. The bombers would then fly to their targets, drop bombs, and land in China.<sup>79</sup> Once the airplanes took-off, the raid became a tactical event, similar to Jomini's or Clausewitz concept of an engagement.

The Doolittle Raid occurred on April 18, 1941. The battlefield for this engagement encompassed the sky lower than one thousand feet above the island of

Honshu. The engagement featured eighty United States airmen in sixteen B-25 bombers against the home island population of Japan. Doolittle planned for the aircraft to fly to their targets, drop a mixture of demolition and incendiary bombs, then continue their flight and land in China.<sup>80</sup>

The Japanese home defenses began with a line of small fishing vessels that provided early warning at six to seven hundred miles from the islands. The next layer of air defense consisted of one to two hundred fighter interceptor aircraft, about one hundred ground based 75mm antiaircraft guns, and a variety of barrage balloons.<sup>81</sup> Doolittle's aircraft began taking-off at 8:20 AM with all sixteen bombers airborne by 9:20 AM. Enroute, Doolittle encountered several small boats, a land-based patrol aircraft, three flights of fighters, and barrage balloons. He received little damage from air defense activity, and succeeded in dropping his bombs over his Tokyo targets.<sup>82</sup> Overall, his bombers flew for nearly thirteen hours and covered 2,250 miles before crews in many cases parachuted after running out of fuel.<sup>83</sup> While the mission resulted in the relatively little damage to assigned targets and the loss of all the aircraft, these tactical losses were fully offset by the boost in American morale.<sup>84</sup>

Even more important than its positive impact on public opinion in the United States, was the shock it delivered to Japanese confidence. This minor tactical engagement demonstrated the vulnerability of the home islands to airborne attack, and posed a direct threat to the Japanese emperor. Because the continued safety of Hirohito was a political objective, the Japanese operational plan had failed to meet

this requirement. To rectify the strategic situation, the Japanese adopted a new operational plan that shifted the main war effort from defense to an offensive operation into the central Pacific to establish a deeper defense. The offensive they undertook resulted in the Battle of Midway, the climatic event of the Pacific War.<sup>85</sup> Here again, as at Rossbach, Austerlitz and Koniggratz, a tactical event effected the political objectives at the strategic level. Thus the Doolittle Raid serves to further illuminate the dynamic non-linear relationships within the levels of war.

Undoubtedly, the non-linear relationships between the levels of war existed in the Industrial Age. While Jomini and Clausewitz proposed these dynamic relationships in the Agrarian Age, this phenomenon continued in the Industrial Age. In the early years of this period, the battle of Koniggratz demonstrated a continuation of this occurrence from the Agrarian Age. Because military forces increasingly expanded during Industrial Age warfare, achieving effective command required placing the levels in a vertical hierarchy, primarily under the Prussian General Staff system or Moltke model. However, tactical events still molded strategic decisions. Even in World War II, possibly the peak of the Industrial Age, tactical events impacted strategy as illustrated by the Doolittle Raid. These two tactical events are not the only examples of these circumstances occurring during the Industrial Age which Toffler's advocates fail to perceive. While they maintain that only Information Age technology makes the non-linear pattern possible, the Industrial Age revealed examples of the strategic, operational, and tactical relationships behaving in a non-linear fashion.



## **SECTION FOUR**

### *Conclusion*

The unique technology introduced during the Information Age has not produced a revolution in military affairs concerning the levels of war. Toffler advocates failed to notice the non-linear connections between strategy, operations, and tactics during the Agrarian and Industrial Age. Throughout the First and Second Waves, tactical events directly impacted on the strategic level, demonstrating that non-linear relationships existed over the last two hundred years.

Two Agrarian Age theorists, Jomini and Clausewitz, were the first to conceptualize the levels of war. Their theories grasped a coupling of strategy to tactics, based on the experiences of Frederick the Great and Napoleon. Misperceptions developed and obscured the meaning of this strategy to tactics affinity based on the theorists' writing style and the difficult concepts that dealt with war. However, historical examples, particularly Rossbach and Austerlitz, reveal the powerful political impact of tactical victories on strategic decisions. The argument that the non-linear relationship is possible through the technology present in the Information Age is disproved by these events during the Agrarian Age.

The late 19th century and World War I saw the development of the vertical hierarchy as a structure for military command as a response to the unwieldy proportions of the Industrial Age armies. While this vertical hierarchy ran counter to Jomini's and Clausewitz' theoretical relationship between strategy and tactics, political considerations remained an element of the operational level. Only when

political considerations were excluded, such as in Germany, during the last two years of World War I did problems develop. This vertical hierarchy system of command, or Moltkean model, continued to shape command structures through World War II. But, while this hierarchy existed for command purposes, the non-linear phenomenon remained applicable to explain the relationships between the levels throughout the Industrial Age.

The latest edition of FM 100-5 continues to follow the vertical hierarchy, similar to the Moltke model, for the Army's command structure. While the fundamentals within strategy, operations and tactics were based on the theories proposed by Jomini and Clausewitz, the manual fails to address the non-linear relationships between the levels of war. To remain with this vertical hierarchy is similar to the automobile driver not pumping gas into his vehicle. Using the analogy of the automobile, as explained in the *Introduction*, the minute functions of the engine represent the tactical level, car's major systems are analogous to the operational level, and the act of driving on a road illustrates the strategic level. When the gas gauge registers empty, the driver fills the tank. If a tire looks flat, the driver changes it or adds air. When the thermostat shows hot, the driver adds water and coolant. These circumstances are comparable to a tactical event impacting on strategy. The Army must realize that such events occur, and re-examine its doctrine to include this phenomenon.

Many of the concepts for developing a model depicting the non-linear relationships for inclusion in FM 100-5 are present in this monograph. The

definitions of strategy, operations and tactics as expressed in Jomini's and Clausewitz' theories and the historical examples provide some of the concepts to construct the necessary terminology. Figure #4 illustrates the new non-linear

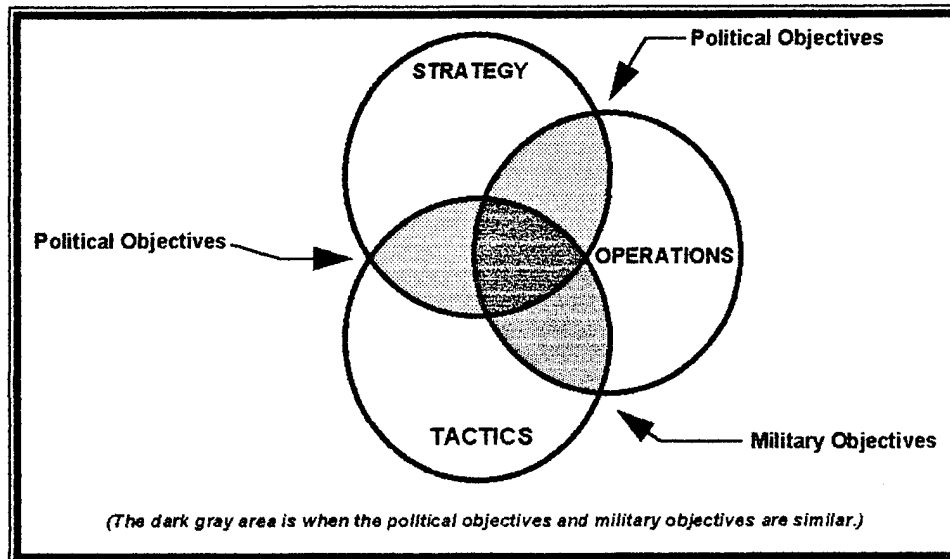


Figure 4  
**The Non- Linear Pattern**

model. The strategic level continues to be defined as *the art and science of employing the armed forces and other elements of national power during peace, conflict, and war to secure political objectives*. The major alteration required in doctrine is the concept of a "vital link" between the levels. FM 100-5 asserts the operational level provides this connection. Based on the dynamic interrelationships between strategy, operations and tactics discovered in this monograph, the true "vital link" should be political objectives and military objectives. The operational level should become *the use of engagements for the purpose of attaining the*

*military objective leading to the achievement of political objectives.* The plain italicized portion furnishes a connection to the tactical level, while the bold italicized portion pertains to its relationship to strategy. Because the tactical level couples with strategy and operations because of relationships resulting from political and military objectives, its definition must also be adjusted to reflect these unions. The tactical level is *the employment of forces to win engagements and battles, thereby achieving military objectives and political objectives.* Here, the plain italicized section provides the tactical coupling with the operational level, while the bold italicized words serve to illuminate the tactical connection to strategy.

While the Toffler adherents fail to discover a new paradigm for war in the Information Age, a new way of defining the levels of war has emerged. Unique in its own right, the non-linear relationships between strategy, operations and tactics unlocks a multitude of possibilities for studying warfare. The Army has discovered this concept, it must now begin to educate its soldiers about the non-linear relationships between the level of war.

## **ENCLOSURE**

### ***The Beginning's of Operational Art: Frederick's Invasion of Bohemia, 1757***

The modern concept of operational art began in 1757 when Frederick the Great invaded Bohemia. Before this operation, warfare mainly consisted of limited war fought during seasonal campaigns. These eighteenth century wars featured limited resources and limited strategies that sought only territorial gains without any operational initiatives. During the Bohemian campaign, Frederick introduced several features of modern operational warfare. This campaign represents the first incident of the operational art as defined by the criteria introduced in Course Four, Military History.

Prior to the Seven Years War, the military art consisted of simple strategy with simple tactics. The monarchical armies fought campaigns in a seasonal fashion between late spring and early fall. Their strategies focused on securing territories, annexing them, and reaping the rewards of newly won land. The strategic objectives the enemy armies fought over consisted of fortresses, magazines, supply lines and key positions. The numbers of soldiers and resources employed to sustain these conflicts were small. With minor assets tagged for battle, the survival of the ruling monarchy remained assured. Tactics consisted of maneuvering to gain terrain dominance or positional advantage over the opponent. The typical tactical fight of this period revolved around semi-trained soldiers moving in parade ground fashion in a modest-sized, open meadow.<sup>86</sup> These battle ingredients caused this period of classical warfare being named the age of limited wars.

Prussian combat actions during the Bohemian Invasion drastically altered the existing limited warfare pattern in three manners. First, Frederick's strategy was different. Prussia faced Russia, Austria, Sweden, and France, who combined to destroy his puny kingdom. In this war, Frederick fought for the survival of his monarchy not merely retaining the province of Bohemia.<sup>87</sup> Second, Frederick used an operational plan to fulfill his strategy. This plan sent two defensive forces with minimal troops to stave off Russia and Sweden, while four columns attacked along a 130-mile front to destroy the main concentration of the Austrian Army near Prague. Frederick sought to defeat the Austrians, who were vulnerable for about six weeks, before the French Army arrived in Bohemia. He invaded with the two western columns pushing south astride the Elbe River toward Prague, while the two remaining eastern columns advanced toward the rear of Prague.<sup>88</sup> Lastly, the entire Prussian Army fought using unique tactics. Frederick had won many battle because of the firepower of his infantry. Unlike the parade ground movements of its opponents, the Prussians drilled to perfection their musket firing procedures and tactical mobility. These unique tactics also concerned a revolutionary flank attack called "oblique order."<sup>89</sup> Because Frederick created new strategic, operational, and tactical innovations, the Bohemian Invasion revolutionized the classical limited warfare of this period.

This Prussian invasion portrays the beginning of modern operational art as defined by the criteria from the Military History Course. In fact, there exist many similarities between this campaign and Napoleon's Campaign of 1809.

*First*, Frederick's strategy called for the survival of his country against four

enemies. He chose to defend against two (Russia and Sweden), and attack the third (Austria) before the fourth (France) could interfere. This offensive against Austria signifies an integral part of his strategic plan to save his kingdom.

Napoleon conducted a similar strategy in 1809. He placed minimal forces against Britain in Spain, and diplomatically isolated then militarily defeated Austria.

*Second*, the Prussian campaign effectively linked strategy to tactics. Frederick maneuvered his forces to engage and defeat the Austrians in a tactical battle near Prague. This maneuver is similar to Napoleon's desire to engage the Austrian Army near Abensberg.

*Third*, this advance possessed distributed maneuver because of the distances involved and the objective of a decisive point near Prague. The main Prussian Army advanced along a 130-mile front with the eastern columns frontally attacking toward Prague, while the western columns moved to the rear of Prague. These distances compare to Napoleon's maneuver to trap the Austrian Army between the Isar and Danube Rivers.

*Fourth*, the opposing forces were symmetrical and approached a corps-type organization. The Austrians fought using a regimental system and the same weapons as the Prussian Army. While not named as a corps, they possessed rudimentary staffs and approached the corps in size. From east to west, the Prussian columns numbered 19,300 soldiers, 39,600 soldiers, 20,300 soldiers, and lastly 34,000. The Austrians were arrayed in groups of 24,000 soldiers, 30,000 soldiers, 28,000 soldiers, and 27,000.<sup>90</sup> France and Austria possessed true corps organizations, yet these Prussian and Austrian forces approach the 1809 corps sizes

of 25,000 - 30,000.

*Fifth*, the Prussians employed decentralized command and control. Each advancing column possessed a commander with specific orders for the invasion. Prince Moritz lead the eastern most column, while Frederick was his overall commander and lead the second column. Field Marshal Schwerin commanded the western forces consisting of his column and the Duke of Bevern's column. The French columns in 1809 also received detailed instructions on routes and timings.

*Sixth*, the Prussian advance exhibited sequenced and simultaneous engagements. Specifically, orders to Moritz and Bevern were for independent movement and raids to confuse the Austrians, then to unite with Frederick and Schwerin respectively. Once the two major forces united, Frederick's pushed an Austrian force south along the Elbe, while Schwerin's moved independently against another Austrian force toward the rear of Prague.<sup>91</sup> Napoleon employed his northern corps to confuse Charles, while he attempted to maneuvered the southern wing of Massena's corps to the Austrian rear.

*Seventh*, as discussed above, the Prussian Army possessed a common understanding for their unique tactics or doctrine. But, these procedures extended into higher level methods. Frederick, a prolific writer, wrote three military works that included instructions on technical, campaign and tactical procedures. These doctrinal works were *Principe généraux de la guerre* written in 1746, *Testament politique* written in 1752, and *Principes généraux* provided as an attachment to the latter. The Prussian field marshals read and understood Frederick's methods from these books. The French field marshals fought alongside Napoleon for many years



and comprehended his battle methods, while their subordinates routinely employed *l'ordre mixte* and the *Ordinance of 1791* for tactical engagements.

The Prussian invasion of Bohemia in 1757 represents the earliest evidence of modern operational art. Warfare in the eighteenth century primarily embodied limited war that flowed from limited resources and limited strategic ambition. During the Bohemian campaign, the Prussians transformed this paradigm and advanced the distinct traits of modern operational warfare. Frederick's campaign against Austria in Bohemia personifies the first rustling of modern operational art as defined by the criteria from the Military History Course.

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*Indeed, in this class we may place the passions of the nation to be fought, their military system, their immediate means and their reserves, their financial resources, the attachment they bear to their government or their institutions, the character of the executive, the character and military abilities of the commanders of their armies, the influence of the cabinet councils or councils of war at the capital upon the operations, the system of war favor with their staff, the established force of the state and its armament, the military geography and statistics of the state which is to be invaded, and, finally, the resources and obstacles of every kind likely to be met with, all of which are included neither in diplomacy nor strategy.*

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1. *To throw by strategic movements the mass of an army, successively, upon the decisive points of a theater of war, and also upon the communications of the enemy as much as possible without compromising one's own.*
2. *To maneuver to engage fractions of the hostile army with the bulk of one's forces.*
3. *On the battle-field, to throw the mass of the forces upon the decisive point, or upon that portion of the hostile line which it is of the first importance to overthrow.*
4. *To arrange that these masses shall not only be thrown upon the decisive point, but that they shall engage at the proper times and energy.*

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